

Following item released by Project Security Officer [redacted]
to local (Austin) newspaper at the time of his trip there to assist
the widow.

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Austin Test Pilot Killed In Air Crash

Word was received here Wednesday of the death in Nevada of Test Pilot Wilburn S. Rose of 1504 Kirkwood.

Rose's death in a plane crash near Mercury, Nevada, was confirmed by his wife, Mrs. Mildred Rose. Details were lacking.

He was employed as a test pilot by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, and was known to be working for that company in conjunction with the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

Rose had been a flier with the US Air Force until about six months ago, when he resigned to take the job with Lockheed. He held the rank of major while at Bergstrom Air Force Base.

Funeral services are tentatively planned for next Monday, with burial in Council Grove, Kan.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Mildred Rose, and three children, James, Margaret, and Mary Lou Rose.